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SUBJ: SOVIET PRESS SUMMARY - JANUARY 21

1. SUMMARY:

-- ALL PAPERS REPORT SECRETARY'S ARRIVAL.

-- COVERAGE OF DISARMAMENT AND DETENTE IS EXCEPTIONALLY HEAVY AND POSITIVE, BUT KRASNAYA ZVEZDA PROMISES FURTHER STRENGTHENING OF ARMED FORCES AND JAN 15 PRAVDA UKRAINY CARRIES JAN 14 SHCHERBITSKIY REMARKS (NOT PRINTED IN CENTRAL PRESS) WHICH CONTINUE STRESS ON VIGILANCE AND ENEMIES OF DETENTE.

-- ON INDIAN OCEAN, PRAVDA'S SYDNEY CORRESPONDENT DENIES SOVIET ACTIVITIES ARE A THREAT TO ANYONE (SEPTEL).

-- ON SVALBARD, PRAVDA CORRESPONDENT YU. KUZNETSOV ATTACKS NORWEGIAN PRESS FOR CHARGES OF SOVIET MILITARY MANEUVERS THERE.

-- ANGOLA AND MIDDLE EAST COVERAGE ARE SPARSE, NON-COMMITTAL.

-- CENTRAL PRESS IN TASS ITEM CITES JAPANESE PRESS THAT PEKING IS PRESSURING JAPAN TO ADOPT ANTI-SOVIET POLICY AND THAT MIKI AND MIYAZAWA HAVE AGREED TO PUT PEACE TREATY NEGOTIATIONS, MIKI TRIP TO PEKING, ON HOLD "FOR TIME BEING." END SUMMARY.

2. SECRETARY'S VISIT. ALL JAN 21 CENTRAL PAPERS CARRY TASS ANNOUNCEMENT OF SECRETARY'S ARRIVAL "TO CONTINUE DISCUSSION OF QUESTIONS OF MUTUAL INTEREST," AND JAN 20 IZVESTIYA CARRIES CAPSULE BIOGRAPHY OF SECRETARY, WITH PICTURE.

3. DISARMAMENT AND DETENTE. REPORTING AND COMMENTARY ARE EXCEPTIONALLY HEAVY AND FAVORABLE, THOUGH WITH CAVEATS. IN JAN 21 PRAVDA, ACADEMICIAN I. ARTOBOLEVSKIY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INTRODUCES COMMENTARY PROMOTING DISARMAMENT STUDIES WITH STATEMENTS THAT DETENTE IS "DETERMINING TREND" OF INTERNATIONAL SITUATION, THAT IS HAS MADE "FIRST IMPORTANT ACHIEVEMENTS" IN LIMITING NUCLEAR ARMS POSSIBLE, AND THAT TASK NOW IS TO STOP ARMS RACE AND TO ACHIEVE "REAL RESULTS IN DISARMAMENT AREA;" LATER HE SAYS NOT ONLY QUANTITATIVE BUT QUALITATIVE ASPECT OF ARMS RACE MUST BE LIMITED. ALL PAPERS CARRY TASS ITEM ON LATEST

HARRIS POLL WHICH SHOWS MAJORITY OF AMERICANS ARE FOR DETENTE AND FURTHER STEPS TO IMPROVE U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS, AND TASS ITEM ON STATE OF UNION MESSAGE WHICH DWELLS ON ECONOMIC ASPECTS BUT MENTIONS REFERENCE TO "POSSIBILITY OF FURTHER U.S.-SOVIET SALT AGREEMENT." ON CAUTIONARY SIDE, STATE OF UNION ITEM ALSO MENTIONS PRESIDENT'S SUPPORT FOR DEFENSE AND HIGHER MILITARY SPENDING, AND KRASNAYA ZVEZDA JAN 21 USES FRONT-PAGE EDITORIAL ON LENINISM TO WARN OF UNCEASING OPPOSITION OF REACTIONARY FORCES OF IMPERIALISM TO CPSU'S POLICY OF PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE AND DETENTE, AND PROMISES ON BEHALF OF PARTY TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN SOVIET DEFENSIVE CAPABILITY AND ARMED FORCES. MEANWHILE, JAN 15 PRAVDA UKRAINY JUST RECEIVED HERE CARRIES SHCHERBITSKIY JAN 14 SPEECH TO KIEV MILITARY DISTRICT PARTY CONFERENCE WHERE HE CALLS FOR INCREASED POLITICAL VIGILANCE TO COUNTER ATTEMPTS OF "OUR ENEMIES" TO EXPLOIT "POSITIVE PROCESSES OF DETENTE" TO STRENGTHEN IDEOLOGICAL PENETRATION (SEPTTEL). COMMENT. SHCHERBITSKIY CONTINUES TO ADOPT DEFENSIVE LINE ON DETENTE, MOST LIKELY REFLECTING LOCAL CONCERN IN THE UKRAINE. IN ANY CASE, CENTRAL PRESS CONTINUES TO PREFER UPBEAT TREATMENT OF DETENTE TO PRINTING SHCHERBITSKIY. END COMMENT.

4. OTHER U.S. JAN 21 LITGAZ CARRIES VERY FAVORABLE REVIEW OF GOVERNOR HARRIMAN'S NEW BOOK BY GENNADIY GERASIMOV, DATELINED NEW YORK, WITH STRESS ON HARRIMAN'S LONG-LASTING SUPPORT FOR REDUCTION OF TENSIONS, EXPANSION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES. JAN 21 SOVIETSKAYA ROSSIYA CARRIES LONG INTERVIEW WITH LITSENZINTORG DIRECTOR V.A. SALIMOVSKIY AFFIRMING HIGHLEVEL AND ATTRACTIVENESS OF SOVIET TECHNOLOGY, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND STATING USSR SINCE 1962 HAS SOLD U.S. LICENSES WORTH TWICE AS MUCH AS WHAT IT HAS BOUGHT FROM US.

5. INDIAN OCEAN. PRAVDA'S SYDNEY CORRESPONDENT V. BOL'SHAKOV DENIES SOVIET INDIAN OCEAN ACTIVITIES ARE A THREAT TO ANYONE IN REPORT ON RECENT SENATORS' VISIT TO AUSTRALIA (SEPTTEL).

6. SVALBARD. IN JAN 21 PRAVDA COMMENTARY, YU. KUZNETSOV ADOPTS BANTERING POLEMIC TONE TO ATTACK NORWEGIAN PAPERS FARMAND AND MROGENBLADET FOR CHARGES THAT SOVIETS ARE CONDUCTING MILITARY MANEUVERS ON SVALBARD. KUZNETSOV CAREFULLY CITES FONMIN'S STATEMENT THAT SUCH REPORTS ARE REGRETTABLE AND CAN ONLY CAST SHADOW ON SOVIET-NORWEGIAN RELATIONS.

7. ANGOLA. ANGOLA COVERAGE IS PRACTICALLY LIMITED TO ONE TASS ITEM REPORTING WORLD PEACE COUNCIL MEETING OF SUPPORT FOR MPLA IN HELSINKI; PRAVDA BUT NOT OTHER PAPERS MENTIONS PRESENCE THERE OF MPLA " FOREIGN MINISTER" DOS SANTOS.

8. MIDDLE EAST. COVERAGE IS ALSO RELATIVELY SPARSE. REPORTS ON LEBANON ARE WORRIED, WITH DARK HINTS OF ISRAELI AND IMPERIALIST INTERFERENCE AND PARTITION POSSIBILITY IN KRASNAYA ZVEZDA COMMENTARY BY V. VINOGRADOV. ON UNSC DEBATE, IN REPORTING AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN'S STATEMENT TASS ITEM VOLUNTEERS THAT PARTIAL STEPS TOWARD SETTLEMENT "COULD NOT ELIMINATE TENSION IN THE REGION" AND THAT PROPOSAL TO RECONVENE MEPC WITHOUT PLO "IS NOTHING OTHER THAN AN ATTEMPT TO AVOID FULFILLING UN DECISIONS."

9. JAPAN-CHINA. UNDER TITLE "PEKING'S BRUTAL PRESSURE," JAN 21 CENTRAL PRESS CARRIES SHORT TASS ITEM FROM TOKYO REPLAYING REPORT FROM PAPER AKAHATA THAT FOREIGN MINISTRY LEADERS HAVE SAID PEKING WANTS JAPAN TO ADOPT ITS OWN ATTITUDE TOWARD USSR IN TREATY NEGOTIATIONS, AND REPORT FROM ASAHI THAT MIKI AND MIYAZAWA HAD AGREED TO TAKE NO FURTHER STEPS IN NEGOTIATIONS AND TO PUT MIKI VISIT TO PEKING ON HOLD "FOR TIME BEING."
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